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March 15, 1948

BI - Hendrik van Oss

Memorandum of March 3, 1948 (received March 12)

Your memorandum of March 3 has been noted and I am glad to assure you that BI will continue, as it always has done, to place a high priority on requests received from CIA. I should like to add, however, that the situation described in my memorandum of January 5 has not altered, and that consequently written replies can be made, under ordinary circumstances, only to requests in the "Top Priority" class emanating from the divisions in the Department of State, which have first claim to our services. I assure you that we shall do all in our power to make immediately available to CIA all information that it may request, but we may have to do it informally or in ways that may not always be most convenient from their point of view.

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**Priorities in Replying to Requests**

With the exception of top priorities for the Department, it is the policy of this office to place greatest importance on the requests from CIA. Requests for information and documents from CIA must be handled as expeditiously as possible.

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